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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY ACQUISITION:

Hans Baldung (Grien), German, 1484/5-1545

66.6 ADAM AND EVE, dated 1519
Woodcut, 10-1/16" x 3-13/16"

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The ADAM AND EVE woodcut was executed by Baldung in 1519. It is one of the finest examples of the German printmaker's art to enter the Museum collection. Baldung, who worked in the 16th century tradition of Grunewald, is generally regarded as being second only to Albrecht Durer. In most of Baldung's prints there is a spirit of diablerie characteristic of the artist's finest work. There is vitality, striking originality of design and an uncanny ability to represent the ominous together with a perfect sympathy for the medium. Full black lines furnish rich contrast against white backgrounds and the over-all effect of handling is one of freedom and breadth.